

Dear Members of the Connecticut Human Services Committee:

My name is Meybelin Reyes, I'm 24 years old and I live in Hartford. I'm a member of the Hartford Deportation Defense. I support **HB 6616: An Act Relating to the Expansion of HUSKY Health Benefits for Persons Ineligible Due to Immigration Status.**

On 4/21/2022 I had my daughter and everything got complicated during the childbirth. My daughter thank God came out fine but two months after having her, I got very sick, and I had to go to the emergency room. They took care of me that day but I was very stressed and preoccupied because I have the bills and I can't pay them. I'm a single mother with two children, one is 9 months old and the other is nine years old.

If we want our community to be well protected we need our children and their parents/guardians to be protected as well. We support this bill with the intention that the conversation continues and to keep fighting for everyone's health.

I support **HB 6616** and I hope that the committee supports expanding HUSKY health insurance for our immigrant communities. Expanding to age 26 is a big step but we should keep going until everyone of all ages has access.

Thank you for your time,
Meybelin Reyes